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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Mitchell Kriegman

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Art Unit: 2614

For: IMPROVED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMPOSITING OF TWO OR MORE REAL IMAGES IN A CINEMATOGRAPHIC PUPPETRY PRODUCTION

Examiner: T. V. Tran

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Complaint Amendment mailed April 13, 2005, also in response to Office Action dated November 24, 2004 (Paper No. 12), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	4	- 11* =		x	
Independent	4	- 3** =	1	x 100.00	
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					100.00

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

No additional fee is required.

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.